

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT APPLICATION**

Appl. No.: 10/646,854  
Applicant: Trafton, et al.  
Filed: August 26, 2003  
TC/AU: 2838  
Examiner: Gary L. Laxton  
Docket: TI-35749  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF  
AND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Date: November 30, 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed August 30, 2007, applicant petitions for the two-month extension of the time needed for response, and requests amendment of the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

Entry of this amendment will place the application in condition for allowance, thereby removing any need for further action with respect to non-compliance of the Appeal Brief previously filed herein.